

## **Program E: Unemployment Benefits Program**

Program Authorization: R.S. 23:1471, Wagner-Peyser Act of 1983, Social Security act of 1935, and Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA)

### **Program Description**

The mission of the Unemployment Benefits Program is to promote a stable, growth-oriented Louisiana through the administration of a solvent and secure Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, supported by employer taxes. It is also the mission of this program to pay Unemployment Compensation Benefits to eligible unemployed workers.

The goal of the Unemployment Benefits Program is to provide financial security to unemployed workers through timely and accurate payment of Unemployment Compensation Benefits funded by employers' payments of quarterly unemployment taxes.

The Unemployment Benefits Program administers the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund supported by employer taxes to pay Unemployment Compensation Benefits to eligible unemployed workers. The program's main activities include payment of unemployment claims, investigation of claims, review and determination of appealed cases, and collection of unemployment taxes.

## RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACT 13 2002-2003	EXISTING 2002-2003	CONTINUATION 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	2,619,386	4,622,915	4,622,915	6,157,160	6,119,667	1,496,752
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	9,385,189	8,639,900	8,639,900	7,680,971	7,651,051	(988,849)
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	<b>\$12,004,575</b>	<b>\$13,262,815</b>	<b>\$13,262,815</b>	<b>\$13,838,131</b>	<b>\$13,770,718</b>	<b>\$507,903</b>
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$6,517,893	\$6,727,539	\$6,727,539	\$7,095,724	\$7,014,780	\$287,241
Other Compensation	573,145	468,359	468,359	468,359	468,359	0
Related Benefits	1,596,061	1,211,676	1,211,676	1,238,488	1,225,699	14,023
Total Operating Expenses	2,369,189	3,175,876	3,175,876	4,058,576	3,983,474	807,598
Professional Services	340,830	500,000	500,000	874,289	874,289	374,289
Total Other Charges	51,214	77,943	77,943	102,695	102,695	24,752
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	556,243	1,101,422	1,101,422	0	101,422	(1,000,000)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	<b>\$12,004,575</b>	<b>\$13,262,815</b>	<b>\$13,262,815</b>	<b>\$13,838,131</b>	<b>\$13,770,718</b>	<b>\$507,903</b>
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	207	207	207	207	207	0
Unclassified	1	1	1	1	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>0</b>

## SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded with Statutory Dedications and Federal Funds. The Statutory Dedications (R.S. 23:1511) are derived from the Unemployment Trust Fund monies. These are federally appropriated funds to each Department of Labor. (Per R.S. 39:36B.(8), see table below for listing of expenditures out of each Statutory Dedicated fund.) The Federal Funds are granted to each employment security agency, under the Social Security Act.

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>ACT 13</b>	<b>EXISTING</b>	<b>CONTINUATION</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>
	<b>2001-2002</b>	<b>2002-2003</b>	<b>2002-2003</b>	<b>2003-2004</b>	<b>2003-2004</b>	<b>OVER/(UNDER)</b>
						<b>EXISTING</b>
E. Sec Adm. Fund - Workforce Development Training Accou	\$141,810	\$3,900,000	\$3,900,000	\$5,355,642	\$5,355,642	\$1,455,642
E. Sec Adm. Fund - Employment Security Administration Ac	\$2,477,576	\$722,915	\$722,915	\$801,518	\$764,025	\$41,110

## MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$0	\$13,262,815	208	ACT 13 FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$13,262,815	208	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET - December 2, 2002
\$0	\$102,776	0	Annualization of FY 2002-2003 Classified State Employees Merit Increase
\$0	\$101,422	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$1,101,422)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	\$1,405,127	0	Other Adjustments - This adjustment adds funding to this program based on the actual historical needs.
\$0	\$13,770,718	208	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$0	\$0	0	LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS
\$0	\$13,770,718	208	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE
\$0	\$13,770,718	208	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

\$33,543	Accounting/Auditing services for Employment Security Grants as required by federal regulations
\$840,746	Attorney fees for collecting delinquent unemployment taxes
<b>\$874,289</b>	<b>TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>

**OTHER CHARGES**

\$47,199 Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) - This program is enacted when disaster is declared in Louisiana by the President of the United States. Trade Readjustment Assistance (TRA) - This program benefits individuals who are displaced from their jobs because of foreign trade. The company could move overseas or have a layoff due to foreign competition. Unemployment Compensation Federal Employees - Unemployment Compensation Exservicemen - Both of these programs are for military employees that are separated from their jobs. The Federal Government pays 100% of the benefits.

**\$47,199 SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES**

**Interagency Transfers:**

\$55,496 Rent In-state owned Buildings

**\$55,496 SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS**

**\$102,695 TOTAL OTHER CHARGES**

## **ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS**

\$101,422 Funding provided for the following equipment: CPU upgrade, DASD upgrade, SILO upgrade, Servers upgrade, network upgrade, computer system support services, inserter and printers.

**\$101,422 TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS**